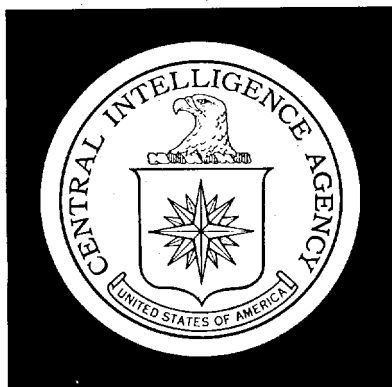


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[GUINEA: A UN fact-finding mission is being sent to Guinea to investigate President Toure's charges that Portuguese-supported mercenaries are poised for an attack on his country.

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The Security Council voted unanimously last night to send the mission to investigate the situation. Toure has been predicting the imminence of such attacks since last November when Lisbon directed a seaborne commando raid on the Conakry headquarters of Portuguese Guinean rebels. [REDACTED]

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Meanwhile, the political purge that Toure initiated following the November commando raid has intensified. A wave of arrests which began in mid-June has thus far netted over one-fourth of the cabinet and numerous lower ranking officials. The total number arrested is not known, even by Toure, but may exceed the 150 individuals who last January were sentenced by a special revolutionary court for their alleged complicity in the November attacks.

Since last Thursday, Radio Conakry has broadcast "confessions" by 19 prominent detainees who "admitted" their participation in alleged foreign-directed spy networks within Guinea. Although West Germany and Portugal are singled out as the main culprits, some of the confessions have alluded to an "American network," possibly foreshadowing further attempts to implicate the US in the country's problems. The arrest Sunday of cabinet member Karim Bangura, who negotiated the extensive participation of US firms in Guinea's bauxite industry, strengthens the notion that specific charges against the US may be forthcoming. [REDACTED]

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